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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Applicant: Maurice Cohen, *et al.*

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For: REAGENTS AND METHODS  
USEFUL FOR DETECTING  
DISEASES OF THE BREAST

Examiner: Carla Myers

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Case No.: 6131.US.C1

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 26, 2000. Claims 9, 13-20, and 24 are being examined on their merits. A request for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response thereby extending the due date from December 13, 2000 to January 13, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

D' 9. (Twice Amended) A purified polynucleotide wherein said polynucleotide has at least [70%] 90% identity [with] over the entire length of a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQUENCE ID NOS. 1-14 and complements thereof.